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GOVERNMENT WORTH OUR TAX

Society, as we know it, could not be perpetuated without government. Whether it is the best, the best possible, or only fair, the continuance of peaceable lives, the carrying on of farming, business and commerce, or any of the hundred and one necessary modern activities require law and order, established processes, safeguards and cooperation possible only through government.

Regardless of some waste, and waste cannot be entirely avoided, still the fact remains that the average citizen gets more for his tax dollar than for any other expenditure he makes. The average family head does not pay as much taxes as his children cost the government for their education, if he has an average-sized family. All the rest of the benefits from government he gets over and beyond that!

Government cannot operate without money, and, therefore, taxes are necessary. Every citizen should be willing to pay his proportionate share of the common cost of these beneficial services.

Of course, every effort should be made by officials to equalize taxes so that every citizen is fairly treated and not called on to pay proportionately more or less than his neighbors pay. Yet, the task of perfect equalization is hard to accomplish, and just as hard to maintain after its accomplishment, in view of the changing factors involved.

Over the sweep of the centuries, the problem of raising money to pay the way for good government has always been with us, and doubtless will. Eternal vigilance is the price of good government, but when we get good government, we have a necessity of life.

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EDUCATION WIDENS ITS SCOPE

The process of education has made tremendous strides since the ancient days when the "three R's" were supposed to include the curriculum of a modern school.

While it is still true that the fundamental problem of our institutions of learning is to give the student a proficiency in the use of so-called tools of the brain, and, if pursued long enough, to acquaint the mind with the broad outlines of man's progress from savagery to civilization, the scope of the modern school has been widely expanded.

Not only are our schools expected to perform the rudimentary task of educating pupils, but, in addition, to train them for democratic processes, to teach them to get along with other human beings, instruct them in a trade for their economic livelihood, and, in addition, take the task of the home and church in the development of morality and conscience.

When one considers the vastly - extended ramifications of the process of teaching, there is no occasion to wonder at the increasing cost of "education." Nevertheless, we should think of the expense involved, we must also bear in mind that ignorance is the most expensive luxury ever enjoyed by a careless people.

One of our major concerns, is that we spend an adequate sum on improving the mechanics of teaching, on the material side of the ledger, but comparatively, perhaps not enough, on the "Faith of the Teacher, the broad ideals, aims and basic principles themselves.

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EISENHOWER ON U .S. POWER

President Eisenhower, being questioned at a recent press conference, stated that the Administration had not done too badly in providing for the security of this country. He gave an interesting answer. He said that our power was sufficient to have deterred an attack from Russia in the past six and one-half years. This is a negative achievement, if it is an achievement at all, and we must not become to complacent. The fact that we have not been attacked for six and one-half years means less than one might suppose. The Russians have never attacked a major power since the communists came into office in 1917, unless the results of that attack were more than obvious. Russia attacked Poland only after Hitler had assailed her in the West. She attacked Finland, deliberately and cautiously, even thought Finland was a small country and should have been defeated easily. There is not at the moment, sound reason to believe that Russia would gamble and attack the United States, as long as we possess a considerable retaliatory force. But, of concern, is the trend in the balance of power as between the Great Powers. It is a dog race for superior power, and we are not in a position to rest on past laurels.

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THE CIVIL WAR BETWEEN THE STATES

(From an Editorial in The Wall Street Journal)

If General Nathan Bedford Forrest were still around, he'd be right proud of the strategy adopted for celebrating the centennial of the war that ended 94 years ago at the McLean house at Appomattox. For "git thar furtest with the mostest" is plainly what everybody has in mind for the four year celebration that will start in 1961.

Publishers are publishing books, movie-makers are making movies, record companies are issuing pi atters of just about everything from Tenting Tonight to the Rebel Yell. Television is planning spectaculars to outdo Gettysburg and two brothers in Florida have bought up about $20 million (face value) of Confederate money to sell, preferably to damyankees.

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Why is it that some people often think one thing, and say something else?

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Washington Notes

Top Priority Bills

Measures to remedy labor-management abuses, finance highway construction and authorize a "decent" farm program are being given top priority among bills President Eisenhower wants from Congress.

Food Prices Increase

A seasonal increase in food prices pushed the Consumer Price Index up four-tenths of 1 per cent in June to a record high, the Labor Department has reported.

Ewan Clague, Commissioner of Labor Statistics, said the increase "is not a sign that the index is about to take off" after its year of stability. Calling the rise seasonal, he predicted prices would show little change in July and would decline seasonally in August.

Lose Atomic Appeal

An attempt by three French scientists for United States patent covering atomic power reactors has been rebuffed by a court decision rejecting the claims.

Unless the Frenchmen petition for a rehearing or decide to carry their appeal to the United States Supreme Court, the ruling will become final Aug. 9.

N-L.R-B. Study

The National Labor Relations Board has set up a committee to help streamline and speed its handling of labor - management problems.

The committee, which will suggest revisions of rules, regulations and procedures, consists of N.L.R.B. officials and persons active in labor management law fields.

Ike Bars Tax Rise or Cut

President Eisennower has abandoned the idea of reducing taxes while he remains in the White House — a prospect he held out in a message to Congress last January.

Instead, he has the Treasury Department working to increase revenues without higher tax raises. He hopes that with a heavy lid on Government spending this would produce a surplus of $2,000,000,000 to $5,000,000,000 during the 1961 fiscal year, including his last six months in office.

G. O. P. CHANCES

Republican leaders not only have written off any chances of recapturing the Senate in 1960, but also are not now expecting any significant gains.

These leaders cling to the hope that if they can elect a President next year they will be able to carry the House of Representatives with him. But with the election experiences of 1956 and 1958 in mind, they are not certain that even the election of a Republican President would assure a Republican House.

Democrats, on the other hand, are confident they will return to the White House, retain control of both branches of the Congress, and probably gain in the Senate.

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From where I sit ... *by* Joe Marsh

An Apparent Reason

A week ago, Red Roberts' wife gave birth to a baby boy. Naturally, we went to the hospital to see the new arrival.

We found Red standing (and beaming) in front of the nursery window, saying things like "look—he's got my eyes," and "his chin is shaped exactly like the Missus," and "Yessir, that's my boy."

Just then a nurse whispered, "That Johnson baby is cute, isn't he Mr. Roberts? We'll bring yours out in a minute."

From where I sit, once in a while we all jump to conclusions without knowing the facts. For instance, some people are like that about my favorite beverage—beer. They're quick to say that tea or coffee go best at dinnertime ... when the *fact* of the matter is it's simply a question of choice. Intolerance breeds on ignorance—and we ought to *know* before we "deliver" an opinion on anything.

Joe Marsh

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Self-Reliance

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By Pete Fritchie

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...of this burden has ...college teams where ...rates a poor third ...basketball, and often track. As a result, it is, in general, poorly supported both financially and attendance-wise.

Going a step farther back, colleges depend upon the talent supplied by high schools, and here the situation is a replica of their own condition; lack of money, attendance and interest.

On the brighter side of the picture in many areas we find programs which have been developed to train the young baseball aspirants in fine, well - organized recreational programs financed by citizens or communities and well supported by the public interest.

These programs cut the young ball player off at sixteen or, at most, seventeen, and some adequate training program must take the potential major leaguer from this point through what is probably the most crucial stage of his development.

Money is not the complete answer to this problem, as many major league clubs have discovered after investing large amounts in bonus bidding for youthful talent which sometimes turns out and sometimes doesn't. They found for the most part that there's no substitute for experience, even with promising young players.

And now, a new major league will be bidding for their services the European, or even wear him down for a K. O. late in the fight. It doesn't seem probable that the American will win it early with a K. O.

Both fighters stand to make close to a million dollars, for each will receive thirty per cent of the take. That should leave plenty for the promoter, who lost a reported forty grand in the first meeting.

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BOXING

By Pete Fritchie

Washington, D .C.- They are saying the September go between Floyd Patterson and Ingemar Johannsen will gross $3,000,000. If it does, this will be the all-time high.

Until now, of course, the record gate has been the two-million plus pile-up for the second Dempsey-Tunney clash. And every one of those who paid to see that one had to jam Soldiers Field in Chicago —nor will they ever forget the memorable "long count."

There was no television then, so you had to be there in person to see the socks. Not so come September. You can watch it on theatre television, and that might bring in $2,000,000 smackeroos by itself.

The fight, too, promises to be spectacular. It really can't be otherwise. For, if Johannsen wins it, it will probably be via the knockout route. If he loses it, the fan is seeing the title being won back for the first time. So it will be a dramatic thing, inevitably.

The odds once again favor Patterson. We are not so sure this is the wise bet. On the strength of what that right hand did to Patterson the first time it landed, it is going pretty far to think it won't land once in the next fight.

Of course, if Patterson can last the first few rounds and perhaps slow the champion down, he might use speed and footwork to outpoint the European, or even wear him down for a K. O. late in the fight. It doesn't seem probable that the American will win it early with a K. O.

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ATTIC FANS MAKE HOME COMFORTABLE

Attic fans may be the answer to the problem of making some Virginia homes more comfortable during the warm days of summer, says J. L. Calhoun, associate agricultural engineer at VPI.

This type of fan, mounted in the attic — as its name implies, lowers the temperature in the attic and brings cool outside air into other parts of the house to replace the hot, stuffy air.

It is not uncommon for temperatures to reach 125 degrees in attics on hot summer days. During the day, the sun beats down on the roof. The heat finds its way into the attic and the temperature builds up. The heat then moves down into the living quarters. At night the house gets rid of its stored-up heat very slowly. As a result, its often after midnight before the home is cool enough for comfortable sleeping.

An attic fan is usually operated after sundown when the outside temperature is cool. For best results, open the windows and doors in the rooms to be cooled and start the fan. Cool air is then drawn into the house and at the same time the hot air is blown out of the attic—of course the attic door must be left open while the fan is operating. The result is more comfortable conditions for reading, working, recreation, and sleeping.

Window fans are often designed to cool only a portion of the house. They do not rid the attic of hot air. But an attic fan cools the entire house — including the attic.

What does it cost to put in an attic fan? Calhoun says exact figures are hard to come by, because of wide differences in fan and installation costs. But for a house of medium size, the cost of putting in an attic fan would be between $175 and $300. It costs only about a penny per hour to operate an attic fan. Operated for four hours per day for a month, the fan operating cost would be about $1.20 a month.

An attic fan can be installed in most homes — and there are many different sizes and types to choose from.

KEEPING BROILERS COOL IMPORTANT IN SUMMER

Hot sumer days can spell trouble in the broiler flock.

Poultry specialists at VPI say broilers should be kept as cool as possible, especially when they are 7 to 9 weeks of age. Lots of water is a top requirement.

Using 19- to 24-inch electric fans will help keep the birds cool in the broiler house. Fans should be installed in the center of the house about 3 feet above the backs of the broilers. One fan should be installed for every 1,500 to 2,000 broilers in the house. Do not put any fans in the house unless enough are installed so all broilers will benefit. One fan installed so that only some of the broilers can find space in the air stream will cause the birds to crowd into this area and suffocate. This crowding cancels the effect of the fan.

The standard recommendation of three 8 - foot automatic water troughs for 1,000 broilers is generally satisfactory for watering broilers during the summer. Be sure all automatic valves are operating correctly. The poultry specialists say broilers will begin to suffer from the heat, and eat less, when the inside temperature of the house rises to 90 degrees and when the relative humidity is about 70 per cent. There is danger of heat prostration when the temperature reaches 95 degrees and relative humidity is above 70 per cent.

KNOW THE WEATHER

By E. H. Sims

Can you tell by the nature of winter rainfall whether a cold or warm front is passing in above you?

Yes, there are clues which will enable you to know, most of the time, whether winter rain is being caused by a cold or warm front. If the rain is hard and comes on suddenly and wind indicates a fast-moving front, chances are excellent that a cold front is moving over you.

These fronts move faster, the leading (precipitation) edge passes above in less time and cold, clear weather usually follows. If the rain is steady and dull and lasts a day or more, with winds moderate or almost non-existent, a warm front is probably passing in above you.

This means several hundred miles of stratus cloud, and a lengthy spell of moisture, quite probably.

What He Learned

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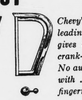

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